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Our Reference: 202100150494  
Your Reference: Freedom of Information request - Meetings with stakeholders regarding hate crime bill freedom of expression amendments

4 March 2021

Dear L Mackenzie,

## **REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002 (FOISA)**

Thank you for your request dated 4 February 2021 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

### Your request

You asked for details of all individuals and organisations who met or spoke with the Cabinet Secretary for Justice or Scottish Government officials to discuss amendments on freedom of expression to the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill between 1 December 2020 and 2 February 2021, and the dates when these meetings or calls took place.

### Response to your request

I enclose the information you requested at **Annex A**.

### Your right to request a review

If you are unhappy with this response to your FOI request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response, by writing to Joe Griffin, Director General, Education and Justice, St Andrews House, Regent Road, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG or by email to [dgej@gov.scot](mailto:dgej@gov.scot). Your review request should

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explain why you are dissatisfied with this response, and should be made within 40 working days from the date when you received this letter. We will complete the review in accordance with FOISA as soon as possible, and not later than 20 working days from the day following the date we receive your review request.

If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. More detailed information on your appeal rights is available on the Commissioner's website at: <http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse/AppealingtoCommissioner.aspx>.

Yours sincerely

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